## HISTORY OF A CRIME

Interesting Data About the Mountain Meadows Outrage.

### SOME OLD SECRETS REVEALED

Why the People of Arkansas Bare No Patience With Mormon Mindonartes-Young and His Angels.

Occasionally, a short account of the mobiling of a Mormon missionary in Arkansas or in Mississippi is read. The act is attributed to the natural repaintveness of all decent people to polygamists. But, underneath, is a loop and undying hatred by the people of those states against Mormons. It dates back to the memorable and infinious "Mountain Meadows massers," of more than a third of a century, and that is why the people of these and that is why the people of these two states, especially, make no secret of expelling or killing all Mormon missionaries that may come within

sie," Parley & Pratt, was sent to Arcansas as a missionary early in 1838.
Sear Little Rock, he abused the hosstality of a man named McLean by
ioping with his wife, although Fratt
and several wives at Salt Lake. Mocan overtook Pratt and killed him.
When the news reached Salt Lake,
frigham Young, president of the
hurch, and who was also governor of
he territory, appointed by the presment of the Unit d States, issued an
refer that no gentiles should pass
hrough the territory of Utah. This
was proven at the trial of John D. Lee,
ne of the leaders of the massacre at
lountain Mendows.

Shortly afterward a caravan of im-

Shortly afterward a caravan of imshortly afterward a caravan of im-migrants, numbering 123 people, en-tered Utah. They were from Arkansas and Mississippl. At Salt Lake City it was the custom for immigrants to camp a few days, purchase provisions, replenish their stock, etc. But the governor of Utah, Brigham Young, or-dered them to move on, and as com-manier of the Utah militis he summander of the Utah militia he sum-moused them to enforce his order. The militia was really the "Nauvoo Le-gion," which was under the immediate dominand of "Apostle" George A.Smith, John D. Lee, "Bishop" Dame, and re-inforced by "Bill" Hickman, chief of "Danites," who commanded a pecial force of Dunites, or "Destroy-

an order was issued for the assassina-tion of the immigrants. This was also proved at the trial.

Aithough the crops had been abundant the immigrants were refused food all along the line from Salt Lake through southern Utah. The order had gone forth that they were "enemies to the church," and no Mormon would sell to them provisions at any



price. Their only hope was to find some friendly Indians from whom they could get sufficient food to last them until they should reach southern Cali-

At Parowar, about forty miles from Mountain Meadows, they were met be-youd the fortified walls of the town by Bill Hickman and his Danites and told that they must pass to the west of the town. The Mormon militia were then encamped within the walls of l'arowar, and awaiting the arrival

of the immigrants.

Tell unmigrants were directed to
Mountain Mendows, some of the Danites a companying them. They were told that they could here rest and get

Mountain Mendows is a beautiful length by perhaps half that width. It has an elevation of about two hundred feet, with a gradual slope to a cool spring amid a grove of elder and cottonoved trees. Here was abundant gracing, hunriant verdure and the most beautiful surroundings a scene that would seem to shut out all idea of the possibility of the terrible orime that was to follow.

On the morning after their et ment the immigrants were fired upon by what they supposed to be Indians. They made a hollow square of their wagons, in which were placed the women and children, and for three dars they resisted the siege. Several were killed and others wounded. One of the enemy who had been killed was found to be a white man, painted as an Ir-lian. On the memorable 5th of September, 1857, a body of white men, bearing a flag of trace, was seen to approach. The flag was borne by John D. Lee. The immigrants naturally thought that sid had arrived. They were told that the "hostile Indiane" were not favorable to any white men excepting Mormons and that they had better return to Suit Lake; but it would be policy to appears the Indians by giving to them their guns. Some of the immigrants were distrustful, and all were leath to surrender their only means of defense. But, being promised protection by the Mormons, they pickled.

The immigrants were formed in line, the men in front, women next, and the children in the renr. An armed Mormon matched by the ride of make

mon marched by the side of each as they filed out of the bollow square. At a short distance from the edge of the mendow, a squad of armed Mormons overs concealed. Here the line of imreignants was stopped, and at a signal each Marmon short the immigrant by his side, whether man, woman or child. With his citabest mesket, he heat the brains out of his tying victim, or, with his brate knife out the throat of a crying child whose mother he had shot to death. Simultonersals, the



were gathered up and taken to the church tithing office, where they were sold at auction. I have been shown people on the streets of Salt Lake who were some of this clothing. Books, containing the names of murdered immigrants, were also found, and were produced at the trial, and among some of these personal effects of the murdered Mississippians were masonic emblems. The wagons and stock were taken to Salt Lake City and placed in the church tithing office to the credit of the church. This was also proved.

grants were subsequently gathered to-gether by Maj. Carleton, United States commissioner, and a detachment of midders. He described the scene as most horrible to look upon. "Wom-en's hair in detached locks and in masses, elotted with blood, hung to the bushes and was strewn upon the ground. Parts of little children's dresses lay scattered about, and for a mile east and west, there gleamed, bleached white by the elements, the skulls and other bones of the murdered immi-

He buried the remains in one ommon grave, and over them erected pyramid of stones, surmounted with eroes of red cedar, on which he inscribed: "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." At the foot of the pyramid a stone monument was erected, on which was engraved:

"Here 120 men, women and children were massacred in cold blood early in September, 1657. They were from Ar-hancas."

This report was also made to the United States government by Lieut. Carleton. But Brigham Young, as governor of the territory of Utah, made

Shortly after its erection the cross was torn down, the words obliterated,

was torn down, the words obliterated, and in their place was substituted:
"Vengeance is mine, and I have had it, mith Brigham Young."

It was charged that this was done by the orders of Brigham Young, but it was never proven. This desceration and infamous boast of a hellish assassination was removed by the soldiers and another cross substituted with the burning Scriptural words: "Vengeance is Mine; I will repsy, saith the Lord."

But Brigham Young was never

But, Brigham Young was never brought to justice. He sacrificed John D. Lee, who was shot—he selecting that method of death after conviction, which is one of the provisions of the laws of Utab.

In his confessions, while in a military prison, the chief of the Danites,



SCRNE OF MOUNTAIN MEADOWS MARSA-

on record, that Brigham Young gave a written order to "use up" the immigrants, and states that he suw the order, and that at the "military council"
there were also present "Apostles"
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"Bishop" Dame and John D. Lee.
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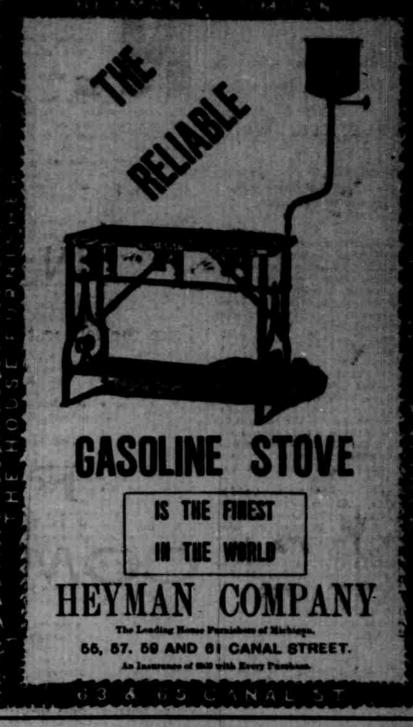
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